

horse, fifteen cents ; for each loose mule or horse, five cents ; for cattle, three cents each.

SEC. 7. The said J. W. Dobson, W. H. Higdon, James Wright, and their associates, may change the aforesaid rates of toll from time to time, but shall never increase them.

tolls may be changed.

SEC. 8. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

When act to be in force.

Ratified the 25th day of February, A. D. 1871.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF YANCEY COUNTY TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That the county commissioners of Yancey county be and they are hereby authorized to levy a special tax for the purpose of paying the outstanding debts against the said county of Yancey ; *Provided*, That said commissioners shall not levy for the purposes aforesaid a greater sum in any one year than thirty-three and one-third cents on each hundred dollars worth of property, nor more than one dollar on the poll ; *Provided further*, That the proposition to levy said tax shall first be submitted by said commissioners to the qualified voters of said county at an election to be held under the order, direction and regulation of the said county.

Object of special tax.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the levy of a special tax as provided for in the first section of this act, the said commissioners are hereby authorized to issue county bonds in a sum not less than one hundred dollars each, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars, payable ten years after date, bearing the rate of six per cent. interest, to be paid semi-annually at such place as the chairman of the board of commissioners may designate, said bonds to be signed by the chairman of the board of commissioners, and

Commissioners may issue bonds.